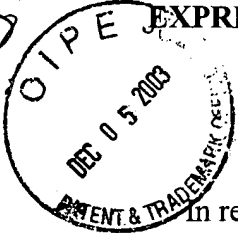


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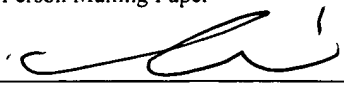
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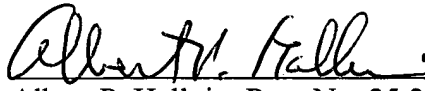

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Applicant believes no fees are due in connection with this transmittal. However, if any fees are in fact due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Docket No. 03887.0002.NPUS00.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing Docket No. 03887.0002.NPUS00.

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Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated November 5, 2003, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, which includes claims 1-13. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Applicant asserts the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a). This election is made **without traverse**. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with this Response. However, if extensions of time or fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038**, referencing Howrey Docket No. 03887.0002.NPUS00.

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